

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services Component Budget Summary

Component: Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

- Provide security for court facilities.
- Transport prisoners throughout Alaska: between institutions; between institutions and courthouses; to and from doctor's appointments; extradite wanted persons back to Alaska.
- Provide timely service of legal process, including subpoenas, summons and complaints, writs of assistance, evictions, executions of various types, child custody orders, mental health commitments, and domestic violence protective orders.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$8,312,400

Personnel:

Full time	77
Part time	0
Total	77

Key Component Challenges

While the number of court services officers located around the state has increased in recent years, the number is marginally adequate to properly handle increased court security concerns, move prisoners, and serve court writs. The number of prisoner moves has steadily increased every year since the inception of these duties. Over the last five fiscal years alone, the number of prisoner moves has increased 18 percent. In real numbers, this represents a change from 55,759 transports in FY2004 to 67,750 transports in 2008. This coupled with any increase in writ services, ex parte orders, and ever-increasing court security requirements, etc., will continue to challenge the existing workforce to meet the demands of the courts.

Another challenging factor is that court facilities have been enlarged and renovated without significant input from AST. As a result, to subsequently address these issues increases both risk and cost, and decreases efficiency for AST.

In addition, there are inadequate numbers of troopers in either the judicial service units or the AST detachments to handle the immense number of unserved arrest warrants. For example, at any given time, between the very small Glennallen court and the much larger Palmer court, there are over 2,000 arrest warrants on file. At the Fairbanks court, the number is smaller but exceeds 900 arrest warrants. The total number of pending warrants at AST posts across the state exceeds 9,000. Failure to make timely arrests undermines the credibility of the entire criminal justice system and long-unserved arrest warrants may fail judicial review from a due diligence standpoint. Consequently, cases may be dismissed and countless dollars and investigative hours may have been expended in a wasted effort.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

The Division of Alaska State Troopers is continuing to implement the consolidation of judicial services functions into the Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services as budgeted in FY2009. This should be complete in FY2010.

The Division of Alaska State Troopers is reclassifying several positions to court services officers in FY2009. Once hired and trained, those positions are tentatively planned to be located in Anchor Point, Kenai, Dillingham, Kotzebue, Nome, and Bethel. This will bring court services officers to rural areas where they have been absent for a number of years and to the Kenai Peninsula where the court is expanding.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

Judicial services units are located in Anchorage, Barrow, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, and Palmer. These offices collectively accomplished the following in FY2008:

- Warrants received: 8,852
- Warrants served or closed: 8,664
- Writs received: 30,570
- Writs served or closed: 27,732
- Total prisoners moved: 67,750

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS-Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)
Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)
Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))
VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)
VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)
Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)
Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)
Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)
Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)
Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)
Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)
Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)
Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)
Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)
DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)
DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)
Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)
Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)
Aeronautics (AS 02)
Criminal (AS 11)
Environment (AS 46)
Fish & Game (AS 16)
Fish & Game (5 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)
Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)
Health & Safety (AS 18)
Limited Entry (20 AAC)
State Government (AS 44)
Training (13 AAC 85)
Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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**Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	6,569.5	7,277.1
72000 Travel	0.0	13.2	13.2
73000 Services	0.0	802.1	946.5
74000 Commodities	0.0	32.4	75.6
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	7,417.2	8,312.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	7,364.0	8,258.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	0.0	53.2	54.4
Funding Totals	0.0	7,417.2	8,312.4

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	0.0	53.2	54.4
Restricted Total		0.0	53.2	54.4
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	53.2	54.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	7,364.0	0.0	53.2	7,417.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Delete One-time FY2009 Fuel/Utility Cost Increase Funding Distribution from the Office of the Governor	-19.0	0.0	0.0	-19.0
-Corrected FY09 Wage Increase for Public Safety Employees Association Employees	7.2	0.0	0.0	7.2
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	161.5	0.0	1.2	162.7
Proposed budget increases:				
-Anchorage prisoner transportation (settlement with Municipality of Anchorage)	744.3	0.0	0.0	744.3
FY2010 Governor	8,258.0	0.0	54.4	8,312.4

**Alaska Bureau of Judicial Services
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Full-time	77	77	Annual Salaries	4,337,904
Part-time	0	0	COLA	197,371
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	499,321
			Annual Benefits	2,609,529
			<i>Less 5.59% Vacancy Factor</i>	(426,925)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	59,900
Totals	77	77	Total Personal Services	7,277,100

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Clerk II	3	2	1	3	9
Administrative Clerk III	2	1	0	1	4
Captain, AK State Troopers	1	0	0	0	1
Court Services Officer	26	9	3	14	52
Lieutenant, AK State Troopers	1	0	0	0	1
Sergeant PS	2	1	0	1	4
State Trooper	1	1	0	2	4
Totals	38	14	4	21	77